

SENATE RESOLUTION 43

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Dustin Pennington for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Dustin Pennington is one such individual, who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Randy McNally; Matthew's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Austin Peay State University (APSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Pennington has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and philosophy and participating in numerous clubs, including holding membership in Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; he is co-founder and treasurer of the APSU Philosophy Club and vice president of the Pre-Law Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Matthew Pennington received the Outstanding Philosophy Student Award in 2013; that same year, he represented APSU as a member of a moot court oration team in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's Midwest Regional Tournament. He was the recipient of the George O. Albright Scholarship and the Truman Hester Memorial Scholarship in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington, a native of Kentucky, enlisted in the United States Army in 2005 and is a graduate of Airborne School, Armorer School, and the Primary Leadership Development Course. He served two deployments to Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division and the 101st Airborne Division; he also served in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division and was honorably discharged from military service in 2011; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Matthew Pennington brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, Mr. Pennington surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Pennington performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Matthew Dustin Pennington for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Randy McNally and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.